

F/25/99007 – East Horton Golf Centre, Mortimers Lane, Fair Oak, SO50 7EA.

Context.

This extensive site lies in the countryside to the east of Fair Oak village with no conservation areas in the vicinity. There are however some listed buildings both on site and nearby in the EBC area and one to the south-east in WCC area the other side of Durley Copse, now known as Greenwood Manor which need to be considered.

There are two buildings on site that are listed, The East Horton Farmhouse dating from the 16th. and 17th. centuries and Greenside Barn which is by the existing 18th. hole

Some 700m to the north of the site is Mortimers Farm, a farmstead that consists of a farmhouse and complete yard of traditional farm buildings three of which are listed which are in the process of being converted to dwellings. Again, there is a mature copse just to the north of this site, which will shield it from those heritage assets, so not affect their setting.

The Proposal.

In view of the very wet nature of this course it is proposed to re-site the first fairway, which is from the club buildings and away to the south-west a little north-west and then re-site the driving range displaced by this move away over to the east which will involve some re-profiling of the ground.

The immediate surroundings of the listed buildings on site will remain very much as is, still being grass on the open course side with no change to the other sides. The new driving range will be some distance from these buildings and likewise mainly comprise landscaping, grass and planting.

Conclusion.

The amount of change near the on-site listed buildings will not materially affect them, as the golf-side setting will remain mown grass to a longer or shorter degree and the proposed new driving range will be far enough distant and essentially of a countryside character to again not affect their setting. No objection.

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